FAMILY TREE OF CONRAD REIFF

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Oley Township, Berks County

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FOREWORD

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In compiling the Reiff Family Tree, no attempt has been made to complete records of the present generation; they may easily be continued by the individual families if they so desire. The data of several families is carried to the seventh generation largely because of the co-operation of those concerned; for their help, the writer is immensely grateful. All facts and dates, to and including the fifth generation, have been proven; (see attached Bibliography) from there on, much of the information was obtained through family tradition, bible records, tombstone inspcriptions, etc.

Two family charts are provided to make it easier to visualize the detailed fact records. The first one is of the descendants of Conrad Reiff, to and including the fifth generation; the second, shows the descendants of two children of John Karl Reiff, Jerome and Catherine, whose families were larger than those of the other children.

Corrections and additions to all Reiff family data is solicited. The courtesies extended the writer by the Berks County Historical Society, Reading, Pa., the York County Historical Society, York, Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg, Penna., have been of great value.

Numbering System

A digit is allowed for each generation; thus Conrad Reiff becomes 1, his sons Phillip and Daniel, 1-1 and 1-2 respectively, written 11 and 12 for simplicity. Where the children in one family exceed nine, the numbers 10,11 etc., are underscored to indicate one generation only. Number 1116112 is of the sixth generation.

The Reiffs were Palatine immigrants, Palatine was that section in Germany, which "extended along both sides of the Rhine River and it's tributaries, the Main and Neckar Rivers. It extended roughly from the junction of the Maselle and the Rhine, south to Basle, Switzerland; and from Zweibrücken, alongside Lorraine as far west along the Main as Baireuth, bordering the upper or Bavarian border."[a] There were many reasons why the people in this section sought homes in America. They were much oppressed, having been over run and their country devastated, by frequent wars. The winter of 1708 had been extremely severe and they were greatly overtaxed. At this time England was anxious to have settlers in her possessions in America, and gave grants of land to these people, to induce them to settle in her colonies.[b]

Some of the Reiff family came to New York as early as 1710, and between the years 1723-1733, settled in Scholarie, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; left, and located on Tulpehocken Creek in Berks County, same state. There we find the earliest settlers were Johan George Reiff and Peter Reiff, who were naturalized between January 9, 1729 and 1730.[c] Records found in a compiled list of data from German Newspapers, 1743-1800, by Edw. H. Hocker, show a Jacob Reiff on 9-16-1743[d] as a resident of Montgomery County; Abraham Reiff on 12-1-1748[e], of Lancaster County; Peter Reiff on 6-1-1750[f], at Oley Township, Berks County and Conrad Reiff on 2-13-1761[g] at the same place. There was also a Henry Reiff of Lancaster County, whose descendants settled in York County.[h] Just what relationship existed between these men and the earlier two has not been proven, possibly they were sons of Johan George Reiff.

The earliest Court and Church records available in Berks County, Pennsylvania deal with Conrad Reiff and his descendants. The Reiffs were members of the Reformed Lutheran Church of Oley Township.

a Early Palatine Emigration, page 2, by Walter A. Knittle
b Same
c Thirty Thousand Immigrants, by Rupp
d,e,f,g Pages 1, 12, 19 and 91 respectively in above ref.
h History of Lancaster County, Pa., page 511

CONRAD REIFF
Anna Margrata

- Daniel, Catherine
  - Conrad, Elizabeth, Catherine, Phillipina, Anna Maria, Hannah
    - Daniel, Sarah
      - Amos, Hannah, Sarah, Elizabeth, Catherine, Susan
    - Maricha
    - Betty
    - Jacob, Sarah
      - Isaac, Charles, Hannah, Lewis, Mary, Wm., Amelia, Charles, Rebecca, David
- Phillip (wife)
  - John (wife)
    - Phillip, Catherine, Elizabetha, Susanna, Anna, Maria, John K., Susannah, Ester, Anna Juliana, David
      - Joseph, Jared, Jerome, Amos, Mary, Ann, Daniel, Enoch, Susannah, Sarah, Ann Elizabeth, Catherine
  - Sarah, John
  - Susannah, William
    - John, Susannah, Lena

1 Conrad Reiff, a pioneer of Berks County, Pennsylvania, had settled in Oley Township, prior to 1752. In 1759, Conrad and his sons paid the Largest federal tax in Oley Township, one hundred pounds. Tradition says that he is buried on the old Reiff farm[1]. According to his last will and testament, dated 4-12-1777 and recorded 5-22-1777[2], his wife Anna Margaretha and two sons, Phillip and Daniel, survived him. The Oley Township Tax List[3] of 1772 shows not only Conrad but his sons, Phillip and Daniel, as married men and land owners.

11 Phillip - son of Conrad and Anna Margaretha Reiff, a Lieutenant in Captain Reiff's Company in the Revolutionary war[4], married before 1772 [3], wife unknown, died before 1789 [5].

12 Daniel - son of Conrad and Anna Margaretha Reiff, a Captain in the Revolutionary war [6], born in 1737 [6], married prior to 1772 [3], died before 3-25-1783 [7], wife, Catherine, who died prior to 11-20-1820, date of will probation.[8]

111 John - son of Phillip[10], grandson of Conrad, born between 1760-1770 [11]. Married prior to 1791 [9], wife unknown, died after 1830 [11].

112 Sarah - daughter of Phillip[10], granddaughter of Conrad, wife of John Bousler.

113 Susannah, daughter of Phillip[10], granddaughter of Conrad, wife of William Himmelreich.

1131 John - son of Susannah and William, grandson of Phillip, great grandson of Conrad.

1132 Susannah - daughter of Susannah and William.

1133 Lena - daughter of Susannah and William

1111 Phillip - son of John [12], g. son of Phillip, gg. son of Conrad, born 10-31-1791, married Phillipina Epling 9-17-1820 [13].

11111 Daniel - son of Phillip & Phillipina, born 8-19-1821 [13].

1112 Catherina - dau. of John Reiff, born 1-24-1792

1113 Elizabetha - " " " " " 4-29-1794

1114 Susanna - dau. of John - born 12-26-1795 married Samuel Meckgee 10-27-1822[13]

1115 Anna Maria - dau. of John - born 7-24-1797 married 1st Daniel Kemp 3-23-1823[13]
2nd Henry Braeutigann 10-27-1827 [14]

1116 Johannes (John K) - son of John [12] baptized 4-21-1799

1117 Ester - dau. of John - born 10-15-1800

1118 Anna Juliana - dau. of John - born 8-7-1802 married Jake Weiser 7-17-1826 [13]

1119 David - son of John - born 6-28-1805 married Sarah Rapp 8-20-1826 [14]

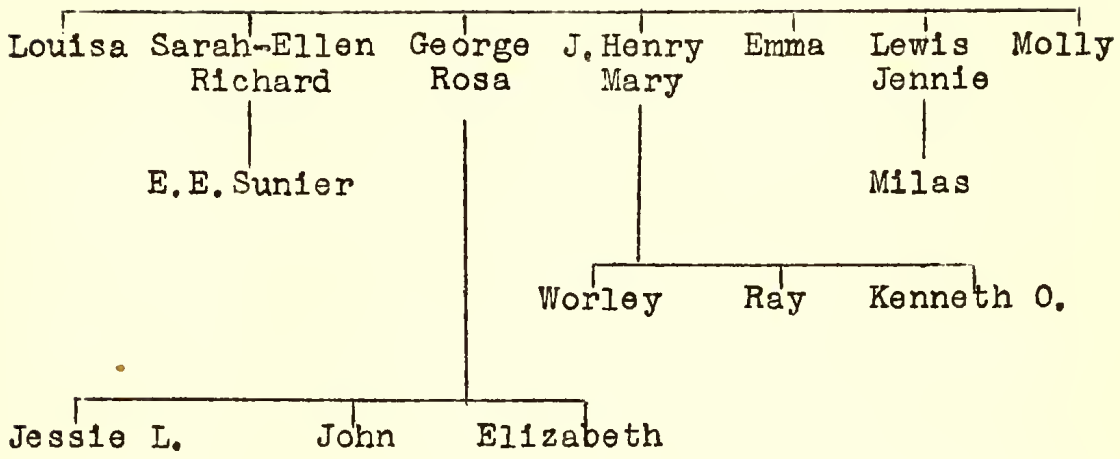
1116 John Karl Reiff son of John, g. son of Phillip, gg. son of Conrad, an early settler of Wells County, Indiana, established himself at what is now called Reiffsburg. There his saw mill furnished logs for part of the original road between Ft. Wayne and Connorsville. John and his wife Susannah[26], natives of Berks County, Pa.[37] left Pennsylvania in a covered wagon, probably in 1837 with their nine children, for the new country. They spent a few years at some location in Ohio, where their last two children were born. John was born 2-24-1799, baptized 4-21-1799, died 6-23-1861. Susannah was born 10-17-1800 and died 3-30-1856. They had eleven children.

11161 Joseph - son of John & Susannah [15] born in Pa., married 1st Margaret Jane Hall 3-14-1850 [16]
2nd Mary Henley 5-27-1855[17]

11162 Jared - son of John & Susannah [15], born in Pa. in 1824 [18](app.) married Nancy Howdyshell on 5-11-1848 [19]. His wife was born in Ohio in 1826. They had four children.

Third Son of John K. Reiff

Jerome B. Reiff
Mary Sowers

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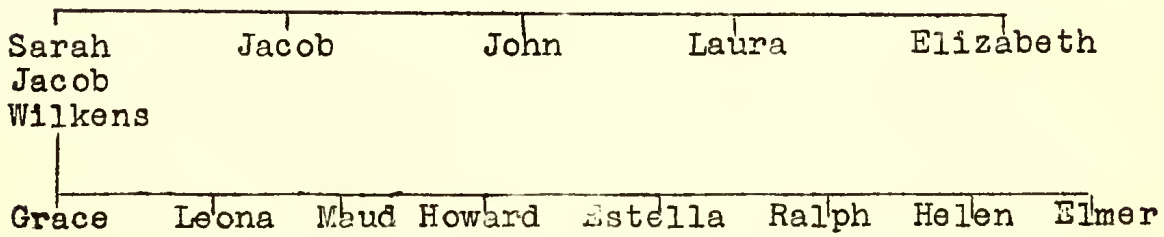
Eleventh Child of John K. Reiff

Catherine Reiff
Jacob Sutter



111621 Maria - dau. of Nancy & Jared Reiff

111622 Martha - dau. of Nancy & Jared Reiff

111623 John - son of Nancy & Jared Reiff

111624 Daniel - son of Nancy & Jared Reiff

11163 Jerome B. - son of John & Susannah g. son of John Sr., ggson of Phillip and gggson of Conrad, born 2-16-1826 in Pa. died 7-13-1897, married to Mary Sowers 7-18-1850 [20], who was born 3-23-1830 in Ohio and died 12-7-1917. They had seven children.

111631 Louisa - dau. of Jerome & Mary, born 1852 married David Wallace [21].

111632 Sarah Ellen - dau. of Jerome & Mary, born 1854 married Richard Sunier [22].

1116321 E. E. Sunier - son of Sarah Ellen & Richard

111633 George E. - son of Jerome & Mary, born in 1856(app) married 11-27-1881 [23] Rosa A. Big. They had three children

1116331 Jessie L. - son of George & Rosa

1116332 John E. - son of George & Rosa

1116333 Elizabeth - dau. of George & Rosa, married Mr. Bender

111634 J. Henry - son of Jerome & Mary, born 8-30-1860, married Mary Alberson who was born in Virginia 8-16-1861. They had three children

1116341 Worley - son of Henry and Mary

1116342 Ray - son of Henry and Mary

1116343 Kenneth O. - son of Henry and Mary

111635 Emma C. - dau. of Jerome & Mary, born in 1863 (app), married John Benning [24]

111636 Lewis C. - son of Jerome and Mary, born in 1866, married 11-21-1897 [25] to Jennie Gregg

1116361 Milas - son of Lewis & Jennie

111637 Molly - dau. of Jerome & Mary, born 1869 (app)

11164 Amos - son of John & Susannah, born in Pa. 11-27-1827[26], married 4-10-1851 to Margaret Krop [27], who was born in Pa. in 1826

11165 Mary Ann - dau. of John & Susannah, born in Pa. in 1829, married Mr. Meyers

11166 Daniel - son of John & Susannah, born in Pa. in 1831 (app) married 12-28-1856 [28] to Mary Marsh who was born in Va. in 1838 (app). They had six children

111661 Sarepta E. - child of Daniel & Mary, born 1858

111662 Sarah C. - same born 1861

111663 Susannah - same born 1862

111664 Margaret - same born 1865

111665 Manson - same born 1867

111666 Cletus - same born 1869

11167 Enoch - son of John & Susannah, born in Pa. in 1832 (app), married 7-30-1854 [29], to Catherine Meyers

11168 Susannah - dau. of John & Susannah, born in Pa. in 1834, married David Witwer [30]

11169 Sarah Ann - dau. of John & Susannah, born in Pa. in 1836, married Mr. Moyer

111610 Elizabeth - dau. of John & Susannah, born in Ohio in 1838, married Wm. H. Bears [31]

111611 Catherine - dau. of John & Susannah, born in Ohio in 1840 [33], married 9-12-1857 [32] to Jacob Sutter who was born in Ohio in 1831 [34] They had five children

1116111 Sarah - dau. of Catherine & Jacob Sutter, born 10-9-1863 died 11-6-1906, married Jacob V.Wilkens 9-3-1884 who was born 4-8-1857 and died 11-16-1922 They had eight children

11161111 Grace Catherine - dau of Sarah and Jacob, born 4-20-1885, married 11-29-1911 Michael Joseph Hofer who was born 7-26-1886

11161112 Emma Leonah - dau. of Sarah & Jacob, born 4-9-1887 married 8-18-1920 Harry Bromley Lowe born 11-5-1886

11161113 Maud May - Dau. of Sarah & Jacob, born 5-18-1888, died 11-20-1906

11161114 Jacob Howard - son of Sarah & Jacob, born 4-4-1892 married 9-30-1925 Cleo Ora Wilkens, born 4-5-1896

11161115 Estella Marie - dau. of Sarah & Jacob, born 2-1-1894, married 9-10-1919, Fred J. Bill, born 7-25-1895

11161116 Frederick Ralph - son of Sarah & Jacob, born 9-10-1899, married Helen Spindler, born 9-14-1902

11161117 Florence Helena - Dau. of Sarah & Jacob, born 1-26-1896, married 8-30-1922 Roscoe Jewel Clark, born 11-11-1895

11161118 Elmer Sutter - son of Sarah & Jacob, born 6-25-1901, married 6-19-1933 Pearl Koegel, born 10-4-1907

1116112 Jacob - son of Catherine & Jacob Sutter Settled in Lockwood & Carthage, Mo.

1116113 John - son of Catherine & Jacob Sutter Settled in Texas

1116114 Laura - Dau. of Catherine & Jacob Sutter married a Mr. Miller, settled in Carthage, Mo.

1116115 Elizabeth - dau. of Catherine & Jacob Sutter married Mr. Bergan. Settled in Higginsville, Mo.

12 Descendants [1] of Daniel Reiff & wife Catherine[7]
They had six children

121 Conrad - son of Daniel, grandson of Conrad, born 11-24-1764, died 2-23-1838, married 1789 Elizabeth Hoch, born 1-12-1766, died 10-16-1843 They had four children.

1211 Daniel - son of Conrad & Elizabeth, born between 1780-1790, died 1865, married 2-15-1824 [14], Sarah Feyscher, born 1810, died 1880 [36]. They had six children.

12111 Amos - son of Daniel & Sarah

12112 Hannah - dau. of Daniel & Sarah, born 2-13-1825[13] married Phillip Obold.

12113 Sarah - dau of Daniel & Sarah, married Levi Bentz

12114 Elizabeth - dau. of Daniel & Sarah, married John Schaeffer

12115 Catherine - dau. of Daniel & Sarah, born 8-5-1829[12], married Ellis Winter

12116 Susan - dau. of Daniel & Sarah, married Isaac Schmohl

1212 Jacob - son of Conrad & Elizabeth, born 3-15-1792, died 12-20-1879, married 12-28-1817 Sarah Hoch, born 5-24-1798 [14], died 1-20-1852. They had eleven children.

12121 Elizabeth - dau. of Jacob & Sarah, born 1-26-1819

12122 Isaac - son of Jacob & Sarah, born 3-18-1820, died 1888, married Caroline Wiedner, born 3-29-1823. They had nine children.

121221 Samuel W. - son of Isaac & Caroline, married 11-17-1883 Esther H. Snyder [38]

121222 Lewis - son of Isaac & Caroline

121223 Milton W - son of Isaac & Caroline

121224 Ada - dau. of Isaac & Caroline, married Frank Hertzog

121225 Catherine - dau. of Isaac & Caroline, married Mr. Hartman

121226 John - son of Isaac & Caroline

121227 Jacob - son of Isaac & Caroline

121228 Alvin - son of Isaac & Caroline died 1904

121229 Lot - son of Isaac & Caroline, born 2-12-1863, married Deborah Baer, born 1893. They had two children.

1212291 Guy - son of Lot & Deborah

1212292 Esther - dau of Lot & Deborah

12123 Hannah - dau. of Jacob & Sarah, born 11-13-1821

12124 Lewis - son of Jacob & Sarah, born 1-29-1824, died 10-19-1851

12125 William - son of Jacob & Sarah, born 8-18-1825, died 8-23-1869

12126 Maria C - dau. of Jacob & Sarah, bown 10-6-1827

12127 Sarah - dau. of Jacob & Sarah, born 3-8-1829

12128 Charles - son of Jacob & Sarah, born 1-6-1831, died 3-13-1909, married Hannah C. Augstadt. They had nine children.

121281 Daniel - son of Charles & Hannah, born 3-29-1873

121282 Minnie - dau of Charles & Hannah, married Charles Heilig

121283 William - son of Charles & Hannah born 8-29-1875

121284 Sarah - dau of Charles & Hannah, married Oscar Schaeffer

121285 Aaron - son of Charles & Hannah, born 8-27-1878

121286 Amanda - dau. of Charles & Hannah born 1879 died 1882

121287 Jacob - son of Charles & Hannah, born 11-3-1881

121288 Emma - dau. of Charles & Hannah

121289 Hannah - dau. of Charles & Hannah

12129 Amelia - dau. of Jacob & Sarah, born 11-8-1832

121210 Rebecca - dau. of Jacob & Sarah, born 8-15-1834

121211 Daniel - son of Jacob & Sarah, born 10-12-1836

1213 Maricha - dau. of Conrad & Elizabeth, married Daniel Kemp

1214 Betty - dau. of Conrad & Elizabeth, married 1st Mr. Guildin, 2nd Mr Bertolet

122 Elizabeth - dau. of Daniel & Catherine

123 Catherine - dau of Daniel & Catherine

124 Phillipina - dau. of Daniel & Catherine

125 Anna Maria - dau. of Daniel & Catherine

126 Hannah - dau of Daniel & Catherine

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